



After an all too brief return to our 'normal' meetings we are in lockdown again so we are reverting to virtual benching. Hopefully these beauties will help provide a little joy to your day.

A stunning collection as always from Peter & Jane D'Olier to restart proceedings

*FS = Flower size based on IOSPE

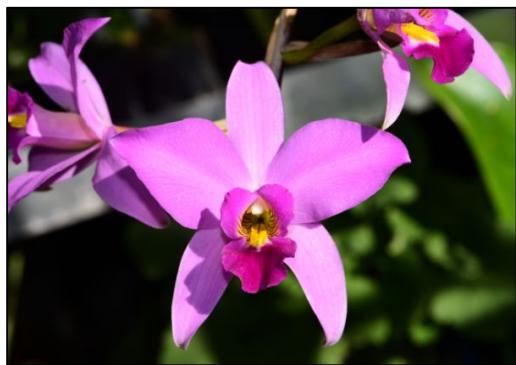


← *Pleurothallis phalangifera*. Wow what a beauty! Looking this up on IOSPE I found it comes in a range of distinctly different colours. I think Peter & Jane hit the jackpot with their plant. I love the dark colours & have a soft spot for anything purple so this one is a double whammy, quite striking. Found in Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela & Peru as a small to medium sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte or terrestrial at altitudes of 1200 to 3200 meters.



Pleurothallis rowleei →

Another species presenting in a variety of colours. Peter & Jane clearly have an affinity for this rich purple colour. Found in Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica & Panama at elevations of 350 to 1750 meters as a miniature sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte. IOSPE



Laelia anceps



Calanthe vestita



Den. goldschmidtianum



↑ *Pleurothallis tuerckheimii 'alba'* *FS 2.5cm

↗ *Pleurothallis palliolata* *FS 1.5cm

← *Dendrobium x usitae* 'Red Coral' x self *FS 2cm

Den. x usitae is a naturally occurring hybrid between *Den. bullenianum* and *Den. goldschmidtianum* found in the Philippines. Named after Villamor T Usita who discovered the plant in Calayan - one of the five major islands of the Babuyan archipelago. The plant grows hanging from trees from sea level to 300 meters. The pendulous stem can reach a length of 60cm. IOSPE



Exotic blooms from the home of **Gowan Stewart**. Imagine the anticipation awaiting the emergence of the first flowers on a number of these beauties. I so enjoy seeing Gowan's emails in the inbox knowing they will contain something rather special!



← *Cycnoches warcewiczii*
Gowan said this is a huge flower.
Found in central Costa Rica to Colombia as an epiphytic, deciduous, medium sized, warm growing orchid growing on trees & rotten logs & sometimes as a terrestrial alongside rotting logs at elevations of 700 to 1000 meters. Requires a dry period whilst without leaves. Flowers are non-resupinate (upside-down). **IOSPE**
The fragrance is reportedly like banana popsicle – yum!



→
Cycnoches Dark Swan x
Richard Brandon, 1st flowering

From the [American Orchid Society](#) “*Cycnoches*, like orchids of its sister genus *Catasetum*, are unique among orchids in that they bear separate male and female flowers with the occasional appearance of intermediate, hermaphroditic forms. The column structure is the surest method of determining the sex of flowers. The male column is long, curved, and thin. It bears the pollinia prominently at the tip. The female column is relatively short and bearing curved hook-like structures on each side of the tip. The stigma of the female column is found inside the tip of the column.”



Cyc. Opalina, 2nd flowering



Cyc. Taiwan Gold



Ctsm. Cirrhaeoides, 1st flowering



Den. Brighton's Pansy



Phal. Chia-Shing Hot Kiss
1st flowering. Striking colours!



Phal. Tying Shin Rose Parade
1st flowering.

Magnificent specimens & expertly grown as always from T & P's collection.



Cattleya Horace Maxima x Pot. Little Toshie



Blc. Erin Kobayashi



Slc. Tangerine Jewel x Sc. Beaufort



Bc. Donna Kimura x Lc. Love Knot



Lc. Maris Song x Sc. Beaufort



↑ *Howeara Mary Eliza*. What a glorious display this magnificent specimen plant creates with its graceful, pendulous array of racemes laden with cheerful yellow & red blooms. A very happy plant – grown to its best.

↓ *C. coccinea* Found in south eastern Brazil primarily in tropical coastal forests at elevations of 650 to 1670 meters. Grows as an epiphyte on moss covered trees or sometimes as a lithophyte on rocks in warm to cool montane forests.

*FS 3 to 7cm IOSPE





Geoff & Jean Fulcher

Coelogyne Jannine Banks (*Coel. mooriana x flaccida*).

There are not many hybrids of Coelogyne species, possibly they are not fertile; I've never tried them myself. This one was made by Phil Spence and in my humble opinion the best Coelogyne hybrid made so far. Grows and flowers easily in Sydney climate; most of the flowers on the raceme open at once and last fairly well - GF



Jenny Richardson

Coel. Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC



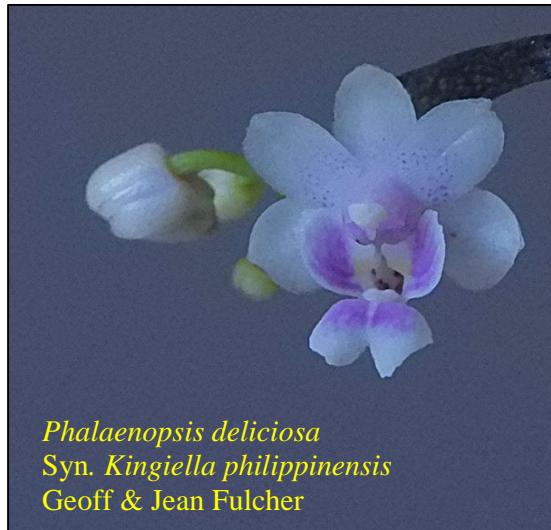
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Cuitlauzina pulchella (syn. *Osmoglossum pulchellum*)
Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador at altitudes of 1400 to 2100 metres but not high rainfall. Flowers are a couple of cm. across, white with crystalline texture. An elegant orchid - GF



Geoff & Jean Fulcher

Den. parthenium. From near Mt Kinabalu in Sabah, Borneo. Occurs from about 450 to 900 metres elevation, so warm growing. This is the first flowering for us. Flowers a bit more than 2cm across - GF



Phalaenopsis deliciosa
Syn. *Kingiella philippinensis*
Geoff & Jean Fulcher

→
Phalaenopsis
Leopard
Prince.
Floriferous
with big long
lasting
blooms.
Geoff & Jean
Fulcher



↑ Widespread at low altitudes in S.E. Asia inc. Philippines. Flowers are approx. 1 cm or less across. Warm growing, keep moist except maybe a bit dryer in the middle of winter - GF

An elegant array of blooms from the home of Lee Payne



C. Burdekin Heights 'Roscoe'
a substantial flower approximately 6
inches across - LP



Cattleya Chocolate Drop
wax like substance and reliable
flowering orchid - LP



Cattleya Burdekin Heights
'Surprise Simon'



← *Cymbidium dayanum f. album*
(species) First time blooming with 15 inflorescence, long
lasting and delicate - LP

Cym. dayanum is a medium sized, hot to cool growing
epiphytic or terrestrial species at elevations of 200 to 1800
meters. It grows low on tree trunks in evergreen lowland
forests across Assam India, eastern Himalayas, Sikkim,
Thailand, Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Borneo, Malaysia, the
Philippines, Sulawesi, Sumatra, Taiwan, Ryukyu Islands and
Japan. Flowers reach 4 – 5 cm. IOSPE

Cymbidium Red Pepper 'Janice' →



← *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy'*
What an impressive
inflorescence on this
plant of Lee's!

→
Cym. Death Wish is
one of my favourite
orchids, long
lasting, showy,
lovely fragrance
LP



*FS to 1.9cm



↔ *Dendrochilum wenzelii*
'yellow'

←
Rlc. Momilani Rainbow
'The Gypsy'



→
Oncidium Twinkle 'Red Hot'
very delicate and pretty - LP



Some gorgeous orchids from the home of **Christine Rethers** - including some very impressive specimen plants



Dendrochilum cootesii *FS 1cm
Only found in the Philippines.
Would like a bit more heat than I
can give it - **CR**



Stenorrhynchos speciosum *FS 1.8cm
From Central and South America so does
best with a bit of heat. Very pleased with
its flower this year – the best yet - **CR**



Maxillaria variabilis (yellow form)
Lovely orchid, lots of flowers that
just keep coming - **CR**

Dockrillia dolichophylla (also referred to as *Doc. teretifolia*, *Den. teretifolium*) x *fuliginosa*. It has taken a while (about 10 years!) to flower this well. Not a spectacular flower but lots of them - **CR**



Whilst Christine says the flowers are not spectacular - what an enchanting floral curtain with the delicate clouds of flowers cascading down the slender round leaves. What a sight – just gorgeous Christine!

Doc. teretifolia (*dolichophylla*), common names include bridal veil orchid & rats tail orchid. It is a cool to hot growing epiphyte or lithophyte found in Eastern Australia from Bega to Rockhampton at elevations of 5 to 800 meters. Often in mangroves & rainforests on trees overhanging water in creeks, lakes or swamps but sometimes on rocks. Producing liquorice scented flowers 2.5 to 10cm, that last about 3 weeks.

I remember a plant Henk Van den Berg had in one of his displays at a St Ives Orchid Show that I think was *Doc. teretifolia* – hung up high at the back of his display it was simply glorious.

Doc. fuliginosa, common name the sooty coloured Dockrillia & you can see why in the photo from [David Banks](#) to the left. → It is a hot growing epiphyte that blooms several times a year and produces musky scented flowers.

..... I wonder if that combination makes Christine's beauty smells like a liquorice allsort.



Mediocalcar decoratum
A creeping, mat-forming
miniature. Needs plenty of
light in winter to flower.
CR



Masd. Tarnie 'Elizabeth'
Flowers well, last year it had
15 flowers, all out at the same
time but not so many this year.
CR



Paph. Mildred Hunter
An old one but a good
one (first hybridised in
1937) - **CR**



*Oncidium
pulvinatum*

Flowers well in winter but at
my place gets black on the
leaves, possibly because it is
a bit too cold here. Flowers
last for ages - **CR**



Cymbidium Unknown - Lina Huang



Phal. Unknown - Lina Huang



Cymbidium Unknown - Lina Huang



Cattleya Tiffin Bells x *Rlc.* Mount Sylvan - Jessie Koh



Oncidium Robsan's Gold
T & P



Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Hot Lips'
Jessie Koh



Cym. It Started with a Kiss 'Rose' x
Death Wish 'Royale' AD/AOC - J Koh



Cymbidium Unknown
Jessie Koh



Cym. Arachnid 'Gigantor' – Jessie Koh
From Royale Orchids



Cym. Little Stevie x Bumble Bee
Jessie Koh



Odontocidium Massai Red
Jessie Koh



Cym. Vibrant Bliss x Glow Vibrant
Jessie Koh



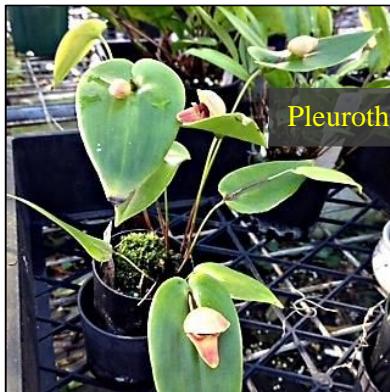
Sergioara Yokosuka Story 'Little Oriole'
(*Epc. René Marqués x Rth. Free Spirit*)



Restrepia cuprea
x *guttulata*



Restrepia brachypus
*FS 6cm



↑ *Pleurothallis semiscabra* What a little cutie this is – like a little jelly baby man with his arms outstretched, wearing a rain hood. I must admit my appreciation for the range of intriguing smaller species orchids our member's grow has increased significantly whilst doing the virtual benching.

The common name is The half rough Pleurothallis which refers to the texture of the labellum. Found in north-western Venezuela at elevations of 1500 to 2600 meters as a small sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte. The 1.5cm non-resupinate (labellum faces upwards) flowers bloom from the base of the leaf. **IOSPE**



←
Coelogynne speciosa

→
Cym. Ken Siew
(*Cym. erythraeum*
'Paradise' x
Cym. tracyanum
'Royale One')



Oncidium Twinkle
'Red Fantasy'



Cym. erythraeum 'Paradise' x
Cym. pumilum album 'Peats Ridge'



Cymbidium Francis Ellemere
'Dark Red'



Shombergia Unknown



Laelia Santa Barbara Sunset – a favourite



Den. Burgundy Doll x (Gleant Blood stone?)
Pretty front & back



Dendrobium Unknown



Laelia anceps var. vietchiana
'Fort Caroline'



Dendrobium Hilda Poxen



Den. Botanic Fireworks x
Rutherford Starburst



Cymbidium Amber Harvest 'Misty'
x Rembrandt 'Masterpiece'



Cym. Hiroshima Sweet Eyes



Cym. Celtic Imp 'Caprice'

From the home of Jenny Richardson I do so love the dark ones!



Laeliocattleya Hsin Buu Lady 'Red Beauty'



Odontocidium Massai Red near black



Lc. Susan Holcombe 'Yellow & Red'



Rth. Netrasiri Starbright



Rth. Tzeng-Wen Queen

Dearest Val

I met Val at my first visit to KOS. Walking around the hall looking at the orchids, I saw her gorgeous face with a beaming, welcoming smile and she beckoned me over for a chat - we just clicked.

Val took me under her wing and I became one of her 'adopted' daughters.

Val had quite an extended 'adopted' family throughout the orchid community.

If you sat with Val at a show or a meeting you would be met with a constant stream of folk coming for a chat, a hug and to catch up with the news.

Val always knew all the news!

This is Cymbidium Princess Valda, a hybrid my Dad made for my Mum, so with love, I share it with my 'adopted' Mum.

Val was one of life's special people, a beautiful soul, generous, kind and a very dear friend. Like so many others, my life is richer for having had her in it.

Rest in peace beautiful lady, reunited with your beloved Bernie - you can ride off into the sunset in that side car with him again.

*I will miss you, our long chats and your warm hugs
All my Love, Jenny xox*



Cymbidium Princess Valda

Val Houley 7 Jan 1932 – 9 July 2021 With love from your friends at KOS & all those whose lives you touched